**Tyrell Discussion Questions**

1. This book is told from Tyrell’s point of view (first person) and in the present tense. Also, thesentences are choppy. Do you enjoy this style of writing? Does it work for this novel?
2. Do you like Tyrell, Jasmine, and Novisha? Do you think there is hope for them for the future?
3. What do you think of Tyrell’s relationship with his mother? With his brother?
4. How about this quote: “… and now, ‘cause of him, I gotta be the man. I gotta make the money to take care of my moms and brother. I gotta put my freedom on the line”? What sacrifices would you be willing to make to protect your loved ones?
5. What do you think of this quote: “I gotta say, it feel good coming back home to the projects. Where I belong”?
6. Does reading this book help you to appreciate your own family and circumstances?
7. Do you think a sequel would be successful? What would you expect to find in a sequel?
8. Many teen reviewers would like to see this book made into a movie. Do you think that would work? Who would you cast in the roles?
9. Who do you think Tyrell would be better with in the long run: Jasmine or Novisha?
10. Was the ending predictable?